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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Robert Eugene Handfield JR. :
Examiner: Oh, Taylor V
APPLICATION NO.: 10/714,735 :
Group Art Unit: 1625
FILING DATE: November 17, 2003 :
TITLE: IMPROVED PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF :
1,3-SUBSTITUTED INDENES :

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT

This amendment is submitted in response to the Action issued March 21, 2006 in connection with the above-identified application. A response is due August 21, 2006, with a two-month-extension, which is filed concurrently herewith. Accordingly, this Amendment is timely.

Please amend the subject application as follows.